

Interview of Julio Blanco-Garcia:

Julio was transported to CIE where Detective Wallace and I interviewed him. The interview was started at 1310 hours. During the interview Julio was un-handcuffed. During the course of the interview Julio was offered water which was given to him.

Julio said that he worked as a day laborer for Curus Construction which is based in Vienna, Virginia. Julio said that he was putting siding on a house in Vienna today. Julio said that his boss a Korean guy by the name of [REDACTED].

Julio said that he lives at [REDACTED] in Falls Church, with his mother, [REDACTED] and his brother [REDACTED]. Julio said that his brother is 22 years old and that his date of birth of [REDACTED]. Julio said that his brother works with his mother clearing houses. Julio said that he came to the United States on June 28, 2002 and that he is originally from Guatemala.

Julio said that his father left the United States recently and now lives in Colombia. Julio said that he went to high school at Jeb Stuart High School until he quit after 10th grade. Julio said that he has lived at several locations since coming to the United States. He said that he lived in Hermit Hills and in 7-Corners area. He also said that he lived in Annandale with his girlfriend [REDACTED]. Julio said that he was introduced [REDACTED] by his brother. He said [REDACTED] attended Annandale High School.

Julio said that he was married to girl by the name of [REDACTED]. She said that [REDACTED] is from Indonesia. Julio said that he married her in 2006 or 2007 and they were married for four or five years. Julio said that while married to [REDACTED] they lived in Springfield. They ended up

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Waking up after she found out that he was seeing [REDACTED]. He said that he has a daughter with [REDACTED]. He said that [REDACTED] had got in trouble with the police for assault and since then he has been staying with his mother.

Julio said that he has been arrested twice. Both times he was arrested for shoplifting. In the first case he was arrested for stealing food. That charge was eventually dropped. In the second case he was arrested for stealing alcohol. Julio said that he was convicted of that charge and placed in a diversion program, where he had to do community service.

Julio said that he doesn't have a driver's license and that he hasn't driven since 2005. He said that his mother takes him to work and that he catches the bus home in the evening. Julio said that he understood English and that he learned English from ESL classes. He also said that he wasn't under the influence of any drugs or alcohol. Julio said that he wanted to be as cooperative as he could. He was offered more water but declined the offer.

At 1333 hours, I provided Julio with a Fairfax County Police Warning and Consent Form. I explained the form to Julio and asked him to read the form out loud. After he read each right he initialed them, indicating that he understood them. When Julio saw the charge of murder on the Miranda form he became emotional.

At 1338 hours, Julio signed the form indicating that he understood his rights. We briefly spoke about his work history. He said that he had worked at the McDonalds on Arlington Blvd in Annandale when he first came into the United States. Julio said that he worked at the McDonalds for 5 years.

Julio said that he also worked with his mother cleaning houses and at one time he went to Miami where he worked with his father.

Julio said that he has had the same phone number for the past year and half. He said that his mother sometimes uses his phone. In 2009, he worked for a business called 'A Dogs Day Out' on Gallows Road in Vienna. During that time he had an I-Phone. While working there he lived at the business. He said that he lived there for about two years. Julio said that the owner wanted him to work nights but Julio said that he it was too hard to go to school and work at nights. He then moved to [REDACTED] house and got a job at McDonalds on Rt 7 and Haycock Road where he worked for about a week.

He then worked at the '2941' restaurant which is a French restaurant located near Fairview Park. He worked there for less than a month.

He then started doing day labor jobs that he picked up at the Annandale 7-11. As a result of that he got a job with Corus Construction Company.

Julio said that he worked as a day labor since July of 2011.

I asked Julio how often he went to the Unique Store. He said that he never went in there. He said that he would go the Great Wall with his mother to buy groceries. Julio said that the last time he was in the shopping center was about a month ago.

I asked Julio how he knew Vanessa Pham. He said that he didn't know her. He said that he heard of her from the news. He said that he never had any contact with Vanessa. He said that he had never been in her car and had never talked to her.

I asked him what he knew about the case. He said that he knew that she was killed in her car off of Gallows Road and Arlington Blvd. Julio denied being in the shopping center or the Great Wall on the day of the murder.

On the day of the murder he remembered being with his daughter. He said that he had his daughter because [REDACTED] was working. Julio said that he didn't recall being in the shopping center on the day of the murder.

Julio said that if he ever had to go to the shopping center then he would take the bus. I asked Julio if he ever carried a knife and he said that he never carried a knife. When I asked him about a previous arrest when he had a knife on his person he said that he was drunk and that he was cutting himself with the knife because he wanted to kill himself. Julio said that on that occasion he was arrested for being drunk in public. Julio said that that arrest was prior to Vanessa being killed.

Around the time of that arrest he was dating a girl by the name of Gina [REDACTED]. He said that Nancy was pregnant at the time. Nancy ended up

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finding out and kicked him out of the house. Julio said that he became depressed and took a knife from Nancy's aunt's kitchen and threatened to kill myself. He identified Nancy's aunt as Sylvia [REDACTED] and said that she lived on [REDACTED].

Julio said that in 2005 he was dealing with depressing and was taking Wellbutrin. Julio said that he has been having depression issues since his father left when he was 5 years old.

Detective Wallace and I explained to Julio that there was evidence that indicated that he was involved in the murder of Vanessa. I told him that there was physical evidence to show that he was in Vanessa's car on the day of the murder. I then explained to him the process of how fingerprints are taken after conviction and entered into a database.

Julio obviously became emotional again and said that all he remembered from that day was that in the morning he went to Washington D.C. via metro to purchase PCP. He said that he had his daughter with him. He said that they went to Columbia Heights where he met a guy by the name of 'Black' and purchased \$400.00 worth of PCP. Julio said that 'Black' lived in [REDACTED].

After purchasing the PCP he returned to his residence in Wiston where he smoked three 'dippers'. He said that 'dippers' are cigarettes dipped in liquid PCP. He said that he didn't remember what happened after that. He did recall going home around 1730 hours, and his daughter was crying. Julio said that he thought that he must have blacked out.

After several minutes of explaining to Julio how important it was to tell the truth, his memory became clearer. He said that he remembered that day catching the bus to the shopping center where the Great Wall is located. He said that he was hanging out in front of the Five Guys for about a hour before Vanessa showed up in the shopping center. He saw her when she was about to leave. He said that he remembered that day it was very hot. At that point he said that he didn't remember getting into Vanessa's vehicle.

Julio then recalled going into the Great Wall about twenty minutes prior to seeing Vanessa. He said that he got took something to drink from a bottle and drank it before coming back out of the store.

Julio said that Vanessa had parked her car in front of the JD nail salon. Julio said that he approached Vanessa in the parking lot and asked Vanessa for a ride to the hospital. Vanessa agreed to take him to the hospital. As Vanessa was driving them to the hospital she turned onto the wrong street. He said that it was an office park area. Julio said that he became concerned that she was going to call the police. He said that he had the knife in his back pack which was in the passenger floorboard. He grabbed a knife and stabbed Vanessa. Julio said that his daughter was with him in Vanessa's car. Vanessa didn't do anything wrong he was just concerned that she might call the police.

Julio said that the stabbing took place near the medical buildings. Julio said that he stabbed Vanessa in the chest a couple of times. He said that Vanessa was crying when he was stabbing her.

After stabbing Vanessa, Julio said that he tried to get into the driver's side of the vehicle but he couldn't control the car and it crashed. He said that he exited the car via the sun roof. Once he got out of the car he reached back in and got his daughter out of the back seat. He then realized that he had Vanessa's cell phone and threw it in a storm drain. He then called his mother and asked her for a ride. Julio said that his mother could tell that he was 'high' and refused to pick him up. Julio said that walked down Arlington Blvd to Prosperity Ave. where he caught a bus at Lee Hwy and Prosperity Ave. He took the bus to Ballston and then he went back to his apartment in Wiston.

Julio said that when he walked away from the scene he saw a woman in a Ford Explorer and he saw people in the parking lot of the Elks Lodge. He said that it looked like they were having a flea market in the parking lot.

Julio said that he left his daughters baby bottle and the knife in the car. He also believed that he left his fingerprints in the car.

Julio described the knife that he used as an 8-10" wide knife. He said that he got the knife from his kitchen. Julio said that he carried the knife because he was going to go to Target, Staples or Office Depot where he was going to steal a television. He said that he would cut the alarm on television boxes and then reconnect them with a cable that he would bring from his house. Then he could take the television out of the store without paying for it.

Julio said that he never told anyone about the murder. Julio said that he wanted to surrender himself but he didn't want to go to jail.

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Julio said that he was wearing dark blue jeans, a brown shirt t-shirt with an 'R' on it and white Nike Shox tennis shoes. He said that he was carrying a blue back pack. He also said that he had cable in his back pack that he used to assist in stealing televisions. He said that when he returned home he threw away the clothes and the back pack.

Julio said that he had injured the palm of his left hand during the incident. He also said that he had blood on his clothes and his back pack. He said that he used a baby wipe to wipe the blood off his hands. Julio said that he followed the news about the case. He also said that he would go online to see any updates on the case.

The interview was terminated at 1525 hours. See transcript for further details of the interview.

Detective Wallace and I left the interview room. While we were outside the room, Julio attempted to swallow the cap to the water bottle. The cap got lodged in his throat and rescue was called. Rescue transported Julio to Fair Oaks Hospital. Julio never quit breathing nor did he lose consciousness. Once the bottle top was removed Detective Stalling with the assistance of patrol transported Julio to the ADC where the murder warrant was served on him and he was held on no bond.

On December 14, 2012, Fairfax County Police, Crime Solvers received a tip from a caller identified by the number W187-610 who said that the suspect that was arrested for Vanessa's murder has been seen at the residence within the past six months. Caller said that the subject worked at an auto repair shop and drank a lot. Caller said that the subject has a white work van and a green Ford Explorer. Caller said that there are lots of people that live within the address. Caller also said that subject is from El Salvador.

On December 15, 2012, Fairfax County Police, Crime Solvers received a tip from a caller identified by the number 5198. The caller said that the police should look at the Unique Store footage to see if the suspect arrested for the Vanessa Pham murder was on it. Caller said that her female friend said that she met the arrested at the Unique Store on a previous occasion.

On December 17, 2012, I obtained a search warrant for major case fingerprints from Julio and for his DNA. Bill Reeves from NOVARIS collected the fingerprints and Detective Hardy collected the buccal swab.

Other: